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AND ITS UNION

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1. MINISTER OF LABOR CALLED EMBASSY AFTERNOON JUNE 24. HE
EXPRESSED DEEPEST APPRECIATION EMBASSY'S ROLE IN ESTABLISHING
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MINISTRY AND COMPANY. HE EXPLAINED THAT
PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN COMPANY AND
UNION ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES. FINAL ACCORD BEING DRAFTED
AND SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THIS WEEKEND. MINISTER FONSECA
CONDUCTED BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS INDIVIDUALLY WITH UNION,
SUTRAFSO, AND STANDARD FRUIT. CULMINATION OF 8 MONTHS
NEGOTIATION IS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC
GAINS FOR WORKERS AND END TO STRIKE REAT WHICH HAS PLAGUED
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COMPANY.

2. WAGE INCREASES RANGE FROM 11 TO 16 PERCENT, EXCLUSIVE OF
FRINGE BENEFITS AND RESOLUTION OF OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
OUTSTANDING. TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDES RETROACTIVE PAYMENT FOR
PAST FOUR MONTHS AND SETTLEMENT OF STATUS PART-TIME DOCK WORKERS
WHO NOW BECOME REGULAR EMPLOYEES.DHAHOM COMMENT: SETTLEMENT SEEMS ASS
URED, EXCEPTING UNEXPECTED
DEVELOPMENTS. SETTLEMENT WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT
STANDARD FRUIT PUBLIC RELATIONS IMAGE LOCALLY AND COULD
IMPROVE STANDARD'S IMAGE IN SURCHARGE DISCUSSIONS.
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